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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 297(HSS)(title am) am S

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amended: 5/16/22

Offered: 3/14/22

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOPKINS, Nelson, Story, Tarr, Josephson

SENATORS Kawasaki, Begich, Costello, Hughes, Micciche, Wielechowski, Revak, Gray-Jackson, Myers, Stevens, Bishop, Holland

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to adult adoption; relating to the duties of the Department of Family**
 2 **and Community Services; relating to child protection; and relating to children of active**
 3 **duty military members."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 25.23.020(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The following persons may adopt:

7 (1) a husband and wife together;

8 (2) an unmarried adult;

9 (3) the unmarried father or mother of the person to be adopted;

10 (4) a married person without the other spouse joining as a petitioner, if
 11 the person to be adopted is not the other spouse, and if

12 (A) the other spouse is a parent of the person to be adopted and
 13 consents to the adoption;

14 (B) the petitioner and the other spouse are legally separated;

1 (C) the person to be adopted is an adult and the other
 2 spouse consents to the adoption; or

3 (D) [(C)] the failure of the other spouse to join in the petition or
 4 to agree to the adoption is excused by the court by reason of prolonged unexplained absence,
 5 unavailability, incapacity, or circumstances constituting an unreasonable withholding of
 6 consent.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.10.093(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) Except as permitted in AS 47.10.092, (b) - (g) and (i) - (l) of this section,
 9 and AS 47.17.030(g) and (h), all information and social records pertaining to a child
 10 who is subject to this chapter or AS 47.17 prepared by or in the possession of a
 11 federal, state, or municipal agency or employee in the discharge of the agency's or
 12 employee's official duty are privileged and may not be disclosed directly or indirectly
 13 to anyone without a court order.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.17.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (h) If a report of harm concerns a child of a member of the armed forces of the
 16 United States who is on active duty, the department shall, within seven days of
 17 receiving the report of harm, notify a designated authority at the duty station where the
 18 member is assigned that the department has received a report of harm concerning the
 19 child. A designated authority that receives information under this subsection may not
 20 disclose the information to a person who is not authorized by law to receive it. In this
 21 subsection, "designated authority" means a person designated by the armed forces of
 22 the United States to receive notification of reports of harm.